

Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF)

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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its **approval for upward revision of interest subvention from “up to 2%” to “up to 2.5% p.a.”** under the scheme Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) with the **revised outlay of Rs 11184 Cr.**

Key updates

- **The scheme envisages to have interest subvention component** of Rs 1167 crore to be contributed by DAHD during the period of 2018-19 to 2030-31 with spillover to first quarter of the FY 2031-32.
- **The scheme also has a loan component of Rs. 8004 crore to be contributed by NABARD.** Rs. 2001 cr shall be contributed by Eligible End Borrowers and Rs. 12 cr would be jointly contributed by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)/National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).
- Under Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) Government of India would provide Interest subvention up to 2.5% to NABARD from 2019-20 (with effect from 30.07.2019) to 2030-31 and in case there is any further increase in the cost of funds, it shall be borne by the end borrowers themselves.
- The funding period (2017-18 to 2019-20) of the scheme is revised to 2018-19 to 2022-23 and the repayment period to be extended up to 2030-31 with spillover to first quarter of the FY 2031-32.

A Brief note on the scheme

- In order to accelerate Dairy Development in the country, in 2017, a new scheme Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) has been launched in December 2017 by this Department.
- The scheme aims to benefit 95 lakh milk producers in 50000 villages.
- Further, it will create employment directly or indirectly for skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers.
- **Major activities covered under DIDF are:**
 1. Modernizations creation of new milk processing facilities and
 2. Manufacturing facilities for Value Added Products
 3. Milk Chilling Infrastructure
 4. Setting up of Electronic Adulteration testing kit
 5. Project Management & Learning